

WAGE SCALE CONVENTION
ADJOURNS, BOTH SIDES
STANDING ON DEMANDS

Single Vote Ends Meeting of Miners, While President Mitchell Makes a Protest.

DEADLOCK STILL HOLDS

Neither Side Will Consider a Compromise, Although Unanimity of Action Is Improbable.

TO RECONVENE MEETINGS

Important Day's Work Mapped Out for Opposing Delegations, Who Insist on Their Plans.

Over 1,000 miners and operators of the competitive district of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, and outlying States, assembled in Tomlinson Hall at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to reach an agreement on a joint wage scale to go into effect for the mining scale year, beginning April 1. An air of expectancy hung over the convention as Chairman J. E. Kosen rapped for order.

The session proved to be short and uneventful and after ten minutes of parrying adjournment was taken until 9 o'clock this morning, leaving the question of a wage scale and issues pertaining thereto untouched.

As a result of early adjournment yesterday, the status of the disagreement remains practically the same as when the former conference ended early in February. Although the United Mine Workers held a meeting yesterday morning and the State delegations also held conferences throughout the day, no light was thrown on the situation and the outlook for a speedy settlement is not encouraging.

While both sides are conservative on the probability of a strike, there is a feeling among miners and operators that the interstate movement will undergo a severe test and the issue possibly submitted to an arbitration board before an amicable settlement is reached.

DEADLOCK STILL STANDS.

As when they left the conference in deadlock on Feb. 4, both miners and operators are standing firm for the ultimatums presented at that conference. While there may be some among the 800 miners in the city who would be willing to compromise, none could be found yesterday who expressed themselves willing to accept anything but the reaffirmation of the present scale. Although it is reported that some operators favor conciliatory action, all declared yesterday that their position had not been changed, and they still felt that a reduction must come.

The convention will get down to vital discussion of the question this morning when it convenes at 9 o'clock. The reason for taking an adjournment yesterday was to give the newly-arrived delegates time to rest up. Most of the Indiana operators and a great many of the miners did not reach the city until a few minutes before the convention was called to order. There was some objection to the adjournment, especially by President John Mitchell, who said:

"The miners are here to do business. Unless the operators have some good reason I am not in favor of adjournment."

Frank L. Robbins immediately replied:

"We are glad the miners are here to do business, which they certainly were not at the former conference. It is the case, I too, am in favor of proceeding."

LOVE VOTE CARRIES MOTION.

However, after several motions to adjourn were voted down, one made by W. S. Bogie was carried by a bare majority vote.

At the special session of the United Mine Workers President Mitchell explained why the officers of the organization have recalled the national convention to this city. He said that such action was taken in order that, in case no agreement could be reached, the policy of the organization might be shaped by a national representative body. The remainder of the session was devoted to a discussion of transportation affairs.

FOLLOWING THE adjournment, the miners of the various States held caucuses in different parts of the hall. The purpose of them was to straighten out transportation certificates. It is estimated that bringing the national convention to this city will cost the United Mine Workers at least \$10,000. A number of the delegates voted to stand solid as a suspension of business for six weeks or less would not be opposed by the miners should it be an outlet to avoid a strike.

There was some speculation yesterday as to whether, should the deadlock remain unbroken, arbitration would be resorted to. Some of the miners, it is understood, would be in favor of this means of settlement. It is also said that a suspension of business for six weeks or less would not be opposed by the miners should it be an outlet to avoid a strike.

General Strike Expected.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 29.—Advices received here to-day from the Kanawha coal fields is to the effect that there will in all probability be a general strike of miners in that field April 1.

FIGHT ON THE ICE.

Desperate Struggle of Coal Thieves and Gotham Police.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—Grappled together amid the icebergs of the Kill von Kull there has been a hand-to-hand fight with six men on an oyster scow, suspected of being coal thieves, and many policemen in a launch, who were endeavoring to put them under arrest.

In the battle one of the supposed thieves, who tried to escape by swimming, drowned, and two of his companions were arrested. The rest escaped.

AGED NEGRESS DEAD.

Marie Wanser Claimed She Was 107 Years Old.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 29.—Maria Wanser, colored, reputed to be 107 years old, died here to-day. Until a few months ago she was in good health.

GUAM-JAPAN CABLE IS
CONTRABAND OF WAR
ACCORDING TO RUSSIA

Rules of War Formulated by the Czar Designed to Cover This Identical Enterprise.

PERMIT NOT YET GIVEN

United States Has Not Taken Formal Action on the Request to Land the Line.

NO PROTEST YET MADE

Government Will Not Act in Anticipation of Problematical Action by Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—If an attempt is made to lay a cable from the island of Guam to Japan during the continuance of hostilities it will be regarded as contraband of war under the proclamation promulgated yesterday.

As pointed out to the Associated Press correspondent, the proclamation is specific on this question, and it is not believed here that the United States will undertake or authorize such a cable now, as it would constitute a breach of neutrality, according to the Russian view.

FORMAL PERMISSION
IS NOT YET GRANTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 29.—Thus far the United States government has not received formally an application from the Commercial Cable Company to land a Japanese cable on the island of Guam. The government, however, has been appealed to in a tentative way by representatives of the company, so as to ascertain how the United States would view such an application if it were made. No decision has been reached, although in the light of present information there is a manifest disposition to regard such a request as entirely reasonable and proper. It is considered the laying of the cable would be purely a commercial transaction and that the granting of permission for the landing of the cable at Guam would not violate in any sense the position of neutrality which the United States has assumed in respect to the Russo-Japanese conflict.

As heretofore indicated, if the permission should be granted it is quite likely that the use of the cable, during the progress of the war, would be hedged about by certain conditions, but even so to that point no definite decision has been reached. It is said at the War Department that this is the only outlet that is possible for Japan under present conditions. The United States would take in that event, it being the land line along the Siberian railroad to the Asiatic coast.

Russia has made no protest to this government against the granting of permission to land the cable at Guam. It is as yet uncertain whether the United States will be forced to take any action in the matter, as it would depend entirely on the circumstances of the case.

GOVERNOR VARDMAN'S
VIEWS ON LYNCHING

Says Courts Must Do Their Duty and People Will Be Satisfied—Will Enforce Laws.

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 29.—Governor Vardman gave an interview to-day on the subject of lynching, which, in view of his utterances during his campaign, has much importance. The Governor, in concluding the interview, said:

"I can sympathize thoroughly with one who is friend or relative has been outraged or atrociously murdered, and I am not going to let a little indiscreetly under the influence of passion thus aroused, but there is one thing certain, the law must be upheld, and so long as I occupy the gubernatorial chair I shall do all within my power to see that the law is enforced. The courts must perform their functions. When this is done the people will be satisfied."

HOLLAND TO ENACT
NEW CUSTOMS LAW

Authority Asked to Make Reprisals Against Unfair Treatment of Dutch Products.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 29.—A new customs bill will shortly be presented to the States General. It exempts from duty raw materials, imposes a small duty on partly manufactured materials and duties ranging from 5 to 12 per cent. ad valorem on wholly manufactured goods. On luxuries the duties are still higher. It is estimated the new tariff will yield an increase of about \$3,000,000. The free list includes cereals and agricultural products, raw hides and skins, among them flour, wine in casks and coffee. The government asks for power to increase duties as a reprisal against the preferential treatment of Dutch products abroad.

POLK COUNTY GOES
HEAVILY FOR HULL

Iowa Secures 125 of 214 Precincts, with 20 Still Out—Fight in the District.

DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 29.—Returns from fifty-one precincts in Polk county, with twenty precincts to hear from, give Capt. J. A. T. Hull, candidate for Congress, 135 delegates out of 214. The result of the primaries seems to be a landslide for Captain Hull.

The fight for the nomination will now be transferred to the district court, where the movement on foot to combine the district against Captain Hull.

CARRIAGE AND WAGON
WORKERS ACCEPT TERMS

Means Opening of 117 Shops To-Day—Men Were Granted Advance of 4 Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Feb. 29.—Fifteen hundred locked-out carriage and wagon workers to-day accepted a proposal made them by employers, whose shops have been tied up for six weeks. The men were granted an increase of 4 per cent. over the scale paid before the lockout.

The settlement also provides for the "open shop" and arbitration of all differences. The hundred and seventeen shops will open to-morrow.



Russia Has Obtained a Tract of Timber in Manchuria and Will Likely Make Use of It.

"COCKTAIL SQUAD" URGED
AS TEST FOR PNEUMONIA

Drink with the Cherry, in Allopathic Doses, Suggested by Dr. Hurty as Experiment.

VOLUNTEER MAKES OFFER

Similar to the "poison squad" at Washington, the members of which ate poisoned pills, borated roast beef, acidulated hash and other medico-culinary compounds, is the plan proposed to Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the State Board of Health, by which he can ascertain the causes of pneumonia.

Dr. Hurty made a few statements on this disease last week, which were published in the following manner in the Journal:

He enumerated a list of primary causes. They evoked much interest in Indiana medical circles. One statement in particular seemed to be of force to many Indianaians. "Cocktails are conducive to pneumonia," the doctor had said. "So beware of the drink with a cherry."

"Just try it and see for yourself, if you don't believe me," was the answer given one of a number of letters received by him on the subject. Pending the receipt of an answer, Dr. Hurty believes that the writer is experimenting with the drink that made the Sultan of Sulu famous.

The suggestion for a "cocktail squad" similar to Dr. Wiley's of medical martyrs, did not come from a physician or any of the medical men who are interested in pulmonary diseases.

Frank Ormsby, of Evansville, who writes on both sides of the paper and leaves no margin at the top, sent the valuable suggestion to Dr. Hurty yesterday.

"Apropos of cocktails," he said, "if you have any doubts, doctor, of cocktails causing pneumonia, I am willing that you should try the experiment on me. Will you have several bottles of the cocktail sent to me? I will buy them where you would cause things to pneumonia."

Mr. Ormsby also suggests an amplification of his ideas—a hospital for cocktail consumers, where food and drink shall be furnished at state expense. Ormsby offers himself a willing volunteer for cocktail duty, and says he isn't afraid of pneumonia.

Dr. Hurty said yesterday to the Journal: "I am undecided as to my reply to this letter. The best of it all is that I believe many things that are quite true. Perhaps a cocktail squad wouldn't be bad after all."

SNOW DRIFTS TEN FEET
DEEP IN MICHIGAN

Railroads Abandon Trains Until Tracks Can Be Cleared—Passengers Taken from Train.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 29.—The Michigan Central railroad to-night abandoned all trains between Bay City and Mackinac. The worst snowstorm of twenty-five years is raging. At Standish Grayling and Standish a double-header passenger train is in the snow and the passengers have been taken off. Snow plows have been unable to reach several trains. The Detroit & Jackson railroad is also blocked, all Alpena trains being canceled.

DEPUTY HURT IN TRYING
TO SERVE SUIT PAPERS

His Fingers Nearly Pinched Off By A. O. U. Officer in Slamming Door.

DUE TO LODGE SCHISM

BOSTON, Feb. 29.—While attempting to serve notice of a libel suit on William Miller, of St. Louis, supreme master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, to-night, Deputy Sheriff Silsbury was severely injured.

As a result of the schism in the order, John Symonds, of Lynn, grand master workman of the State Lodge, entered libel proceedings against Miller, damages being set at \$10,000, and Deputy Sheriff Silsbury was trying to locate the St. Louis man for several days.

To-night the officer was notified that Miller was on his way to the headquarters of the national organization and the sheriff waited outside the door for him to appear.

Miller escaped by darting into the headquarters and slamming the door on Sheriff Silsbury's hand when the officer attempted to seize him. Three of the sheriff's fingers were fractured. The doors were then locked, bolted, chained and padlocked.

Will Buy War Supplies.

SANTO DOMINGO, Saturday, Feb. 27.—The Morales government has decided to buy from Venezuela the gunboat Miranda and six 5,000 Mauter rifles and a million rounds of ammunition. This offer of war material was made by President Castro through the Dominican minister at Caracas, Senor Lopez.

DENIES THE CHARGE THAT
SUNDAY ORDER WAS ISSUED

Mayor Holtzman Will Bring Saloon Keepers to Trial for Published Violations of Law.

KRUGER IS INSTRUCTED

Prosecution of the saloon keepers found by the Journal's reporters to have open places last Sunday evening, and one of whom, at least, was serving men and women indiscriminately, will follow the publication of these facts in yesterday morning's Journal, according to the statement of Mayor Holtzman last evening.

"On reading the Journal's story this morning," said the mayor, "I sent for Superintendent Kruger and instructed him to have his men file affidavits against the saloon keepers mentioned in the Journal."

In answer to a query as to open saloons on Sunday the mayor replied: "I presume there is some of that going on, as there is always violation of law. Our police force is not large enough to station a man at every saloon and the only course we can follow is to prosecute those against whom information is filed."

"Is it true" the mayor was asked, "that saloon keepers were informed by the police of your administration that they could keep back bars open on Sunday, as we have been informed by several saloon keepers?"

"At the commencement of my administration I instructed Superintendent Kruger to inform saloon keepers that they could not keep open on Sunday. Certainly no such permission as you say was given with my knowledge or sanction. We cannot give any one permission to violate law."

William M. Averett, a Fort Wayne-avenue saloon keeper, was fined in police court yesterday for violation of the Nicholson law in keeping open on Sunday, and John Banks, a colored bartender in Mike Wells' Indiana-avenue saloon, was arrested on the same charge. His case was continued until March 9 and bond was furnished.

Charles Chastain was also arrested for violation of the Nicholson law and gave bond for future hearing.

ENGLAND FORTIFYING
VICTORIA IN HASTE

Intends to Make It a Western Gibraltar—Supplies and Guns Being Rushed Forward.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 29.—England is hurrying supplies, guns and ships to Victoria and plans to make the capital of British Columbia a Western Gibraltar. These preparations for defense have been long in progress, but it is only since the war in the Orient began, with the possibility that England may become involved, that the work has been rushed with energy.

PATTI COMPANY SUED
BY A FORMER MANAGER

James W. Morrissey Wants Damages from Grau, Alleging Character Defamation.

SAYS CONTRACT BROKEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 29.—James W. Morrissey, business manager of the Adeline Patti Company, has brought suit through his counsel against Robert Grau, incorporated, and Adeline Patti Company for breach of contract for the sum of \$1,700 and has instituted separate actions against Mr. Grau as an individual for \$25,000 for defamation.

PATTI'S SUITE GREATLY
SURPRISED BY NEW'S

News of the suit filed by James W. Morrissey, when communicated by the Journal to Miss Patti's party at the Claypool early this morning, caused the greatest surprise.

"You couldn't have surprised me more," said Treasurer McKelzie, "by tumbling this house down on my head."

He hastily dressed and awoke the other members of Patti's suite and they discussed the act of Morrissey, known as an individual for \$25,000 for defamation.

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STREAMS OVERFLOWING
AND COUNTRY FLOODED

Much Damage Done and Many Manufacturing Plants Forced to Close Down.

TERRIFIC HAIL STORM

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

GOSHEN, Ind., Feb. 29.—The hard rain and thaw have flooded Goshen and surrounding territory. Rock creek has overflowed so far as to cause several of the city's manufacturing industries to shut down, flooding the power plants and other departments. The Santa Furniture Company had over \$1,000 worth of varnish destroyed. The creek and Elkhart river are both nearly at high-water mark.

The southern part of this county was this forenoon visited by an extraordinary hailstorm, stones as large as hen's eggs. The stones were an inch in diameter and damaging many roofs, while cattle and horses were stampeded.

FIRST HEAVY STORM
DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WABASH, Ind., Feb. 29.—A severe thunder and hailstorm visited Wabash this morning and a heavy rain prevailed for several hours. Lightning struck the double residence of Samuel Harsh on West Main street, knocking off the chimney and tearing up the roof and ceilings as it descended, but injuring no one. The barn of ex-Commissioner Ford, west of the city, was also struck and one end torn out, a steer killed and two horses knocked down.

The hailstorm, which prevailed immediately after the rain, was one of the severest ever witnessed in this part of the State. A bolt of lightning followed the rain and literally riddled the greenhouses of the Wabash Floral Company. The loss on glass alone is more than \$1,200, and on plants and flowers, many of them rare, \$1,000 more. Not a pane was left intact.

Streams in this locality are on the rampage again and the Wabash river is flooding the lowland and cars have been run into the business district of Wabash since 8:30 o'clock this morning, the tracks at the Union Railway bridge being six feet under water.

Have of Lightning.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Feb. 29.—A fierce electrical storm for an hour to-day seriously interfered with train dispatching on the Union Traction lines in this city and on both the Anderson-Marion and Alexandria-Tipton lines, charging the instruments so that several trains found "hot connections." A bolt of lightning followed the Union Traction light wire into Dr. Clark's drug store at Orestes and partially wrecked the place. No one was seriously hurt.

Boiler Makers' Strike Ended

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—The strike of boiler makers of the Southern Pacific line west of El Paso and Ogden was ended to-day, the settlement being effected at a conference between a committee of the Boiler Makers' Union and H. J. Small, superintendent of motive power. The terms of agreement are withheld.

STRANGER HAS LOST ALL
KNOWLEDGE OF HIMSELF

Unable to Disclose His Identity—Supposed to Be John Meyers from Bible Found.

SAYS HE IS A YALE MAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 29.—Four days ago a man called at the Central Emergency Hospital and said he had forgotten his identity. He has since been detained under the name of John Meyers, a small Bible in his pocket bearing that name of the sketch mentioned. No senior in college is undoubtedly absent. Mr. Walcott, Yale, 1900, is studying at Hartford Theological Seminary.

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ATTACK IN FORCE
ONCE MORE MADE
ON PORT ARTHUR

Japanese Ships, After Two Hours of Firing, Compel Russian Vessels to Retire, One of Them in a Sinking Condition

ANOTHER ASSAULT TO BE MADE

Japanese Commander Ordered to Take the Stronghold by March 1, at Whatever Cost—Other War Movements

LONDON, March 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yink-Kow, dated Feb. 29, says:

"Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged. The Japanese withdrew in good order."

LIAO-YANG, Manchuria, Feb. 29.—Foreigners living at Yink-Kow say the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture Port Arthur on March 1 at all costs.

On Sunday met a body of Russian cavalry scouts north of Ping-Yang and drove them back.

It is estimated that 60,000 Japanese troops have landed at Chemulpo. The transports now are not escorted by war vessels.

The Japanese sailors who manned the merchant vessels which were sunk at Port Arthur, on landing here, shaved their heads as a mark of the disgrace they felt at the failure of the project. The crew of the Jinsen Maru wrote their names on the forecastle flag which remained above the water when the ship went down.

Alleged Japanese Losses.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—The Courier de Tien-Tsin says that in spite of Japanese measures to conceal their losses, it is known that the battleship Yamashiro and the cruisers Asama and Tokiwa have been towed to Nagasaki to repair the damages which they have sustained.

JAPANESE FOLLOWED
THEIR USUAL PLAN

LONDON, March 1.—The pause in the war operations in the far East has been broken by another Japanese attack on Port Arthur, of which only a brief account is yet to hand. This report, however, shows a repetition of the now familiar tactics of the attack was made in bad weather, previous telegraphic advices having reported a severe gale raging at Port Arthur. As usual, the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the guns at the forts to get their range. Again, also, the same three cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik, went out to meet the attack, and this suggests that either they were the only effective ships there or that the harbor battleships were unable to get out.

No news is published here to-day of operations or movements other than at Port Arthur. The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Express says it has been officially announced that the Japanese mail boat service between Shanghai and Japan will be resumed on Saturday, without naval escort.

Many alleged dispositions of the opposing military forces are published this morning, but they differ too much in detail to be of any great value. According to a report from St. Petersburg a body of Cossacks from the south Ussuri province, with quick firing guns, is advancing along the east coast of Korea to prevent the landing of the main Japanese army, and the comment is made that possibly the reported Japanese landing at Possiet bay may have been made with the intention of attacking this force.

A dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Express says that the Japanese are transferring the guns from the disabled ships at Port Arthur to the forts there.

On Feb. 29, says a Japanese cruiser and torpedo boat entered that harbor without being escorted by the Japanese fleet. It is believed they embarked the Japanese who took refuge there after the attack on the forts. The Japanese fleet is said to be in the vicinity of the harbor.

A correspondent of the Times cables from Port Arthur that the Japanese are either side of the Russian battleship Retvizan at Port Arthur partially obstruct the entrance to the harbor.

GEN. STOESEL URGES
TENACIOUS RESISTANCE

PORT ARTHUR, Sunday, Feb. 29.—General Stoessel, commander of the garrison here, has issued a general order directing the attention of the troops and inhabitants to the fact that the Japanese intend to land and seize the fortress. The general declares the Japanese consider the seizure of Port Arthur to be a question of national honor, and from their obstinate attacks and bombardments of the fortress and bays he can only conclude that the enemy will make every effort to capture the fortress, failing which the Japanese will destroy the railroad and withdraw.

"The enemy, however," proceeds the general order, "is mistaken. Our troops know, and the inhabitants are herewith informed by me that we will not yield. We must fight to the finish, as I, the commander, will never give an order to surrender. I bring this to the notice of those less daring, and call on all to become convinced of the necessity of fighting to the death. Those who leave without fighting remarkably save themselves. There is no way out. In three sides there is the sea, and on the fourth side the sea is the sea. There is no means of escape except by fighting."

Notwithstanding the heavy gale which is blowing, 120 bombs of Japanese attacking vessels were visible in the offing during the night.

REMARKABLE ARTICLE
IN RUSSIAN JOURNAL

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—The Novoe Vremya to-day publishes a remarkable editorial on the parallel between Port Arthur and Sebastopol, pointing out that the ports are identically situated. "Golden Horn" corresponding to the Malakoff, Dalmat to Eupatoria, Admiral Alexieff to Admiral Nachimov, and the Retvizan to the Tria Sviatitella." The editorial, however, warns the Russians to shun fatalistic beliefs.

Although written without knowledge of General Stoessel's equally remarkable save general order, issued at Port Arthur yesterday, the Novoe Vremya's editorial comes as a strong reinforcement of its purport, that Port Arthur must in no case be surrendered. Both seem to foreshadow a siege of Port Arthur and a bombardment, which a dispatch from Liao-Yang says it is rumored at Nieu-Chwang will occur to-morrow.

PROTOCOL PLEASING
TO TWO MINISTERS

TOKIO, Feb. 29.—The Korean court has donated \$100,000 to the Red Cross hospitals. The ministers of the United States and Great Britain at Seoul are favorably inclined to the Japanese-Korean protocol.

The Tokio government has instructed the local authorities to extend special protection and facilities to the Russian consul at Fusan, Korea, who is to reach Moji, Japan, to-night and proceeds thence for Nagasaki, whence he will sail for home.

RUSSIAN DRIVEN BACK.

CHE-FOO, Feb. 29.—The Twenty-ninth Japanese Infantry, occupying Ping-Yang, midway between Seoul and the Yalu river,

HARBIN IS QUIET.

HARBIN, Manchuria, Feb. 29.—This town is quiet and the Chinese are working willingly, providing food for the Russian community and collecting considerable sums for the hospitals. The Russian wounded will be prepared. The women sit up nights working.

RUSSIA REGRETS THE
VICKSBURG INCIDENT

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 29.—The statement of the commander of the United States gunboat Vicksburg regarding the Chemulpo affair was communicated to the Foreign Office by the Associated Press correspondent and was received as a complete and satisfactory explanation. Regrets were expressed that the incident had created so much feeling here.

"We had no official advice on the subject," said an official, "but as the incident was attracting much attention here it is a source of gratification to learn that the statements were not only correct but that the Vicksburg was the first to render aid. We desire to preserve the most amicable relations with the American Republic, and when the truth is generally known it will doubtless go far to allay the irritation caused by the original report."

COSSACKS ON MARCH
AND KOREANS FLEEING

LIAO-YANG, Manchuria, Feb. 29.—General Mischchenko with a detachment of mounted Cossacks has reached Kasuzia, Korea, and is expected to arrive at Ichul. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 2, COL. 3.)